

# COVID-19

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE**

This morning, Snohomish County leaders provided an update on the COVID-19 response, including the SnoCo Agencies for Engagement (SAFE) team's work. Link to view the press conference is at right.

## **DRIVE UP COVID-19 TESTING APPOINTMENTS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

The Snohomish Health District is opening up some limited COVID-19 testing in the south county area beginning later this week. Links to information and registration for an appointment are at right.

## **SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW GUIDELINES FOR FARMERS MARKETS**

Read updated guidance from the Snohomish Health District on Farmers Markets at right.

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING**

### **Snohomish County Provides Update on COVID-19 Response**

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined Tuesday by Dr. Chris Spitters the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District and Dr. Eric Cooper, the Medical Program Director for Snohomish County Emergency Medical Services and one of the Medical Directors for the Snohomish County Isolation and Quarantine Facility. They provided an update on the County's response to COVID-19, including the SnoCo Agencies for Engagement (SAFE) team's work to reach out to people experiencing homelessness.

As part of this morning's briefing, Executive Somers shared that County staff is looking at County parks facilities to determine which ones can open and what conditions will be required for the openings. There will be further guidance soon, including the social distancing requirements attached with the use of the facilities.

The video is available at: <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

### **Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing Appointments in Snohomish County**

As announced last week, the Snohomish Health District will continue surveillance testing at several long-term care facilities around the County. It is also opening up some limited testing in the south county area beginning later this week.

Testing will be in the back parking lot at the Health District's south county office located at 6101 200<sup>th</sup> St SW in Lynnwood. Appointments are now available beginning at 9 a.m. with the last appointment at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29. Slots will be opened up on Wednesday for Friday, May 1.

This community-based testing site is being operated by the Snohomish Health District, with volunteer support from the Medical Reserve Corps. The Snohomish Health District is piloting plans for smaller operations that are more mobile. This means there will be less appointments available, particularly on Wednesday.

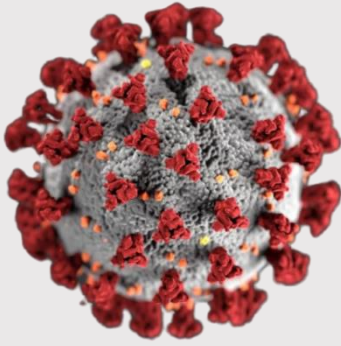
The team will monitor operations and make adjustments for Friday's availability. Details are also being finalized to take these mobile operations to more locations around Snohomish County in May. Updates and additional information, including eligibility criteria for testing, registration, and the appointment process, is available at [www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing](http://www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing).

The community is encouraged to help prevent the spread of illness and to support the response to this outbreak by staying informed and sharing reliable information. This is a very fluid situation and information will be updated at [www.snohd.org/ncov2019](http://www.snohd.org/ncov2019) and the Health District's social media channels.

### **SHD Announces New Guidelines for Farmers Markets**

SHD updated operational guidelines for farmers markets as the list of essential services may expand or contract over time. SHD encourages managers and vendors to remain flexible throughout market season.

Please visit SHD's [webpage](#) to review the updated guidance.



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## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXPANDS SOLID WASTE FACILITY ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS**

Snohomish County will expand access to Solid Waste facilities for the public starting Saturday, May 2.

## **"MUKILTEO SPIRIT" CAMPAIGN FOR COMMUNITY UNITY AND SUPPORT**

The City of Mukilteo kicked off a "Mukilteo Spirit" campaign yesterday that will extend through May 8, 2020. See the details for this week's Spirit Day themes at right.



## **COVID-19 & Farmers Markets: Update**



All matters connected to COVID-19 have been, and will continue to be, very fluid. At the time our guidelines for farmers markets were published, flower farmers were not identified at the state level as an essential service. The operational guidelines for farmers markets were updated today, and are available online at [www.snohd.org/farmers-markets](http://www.snohd.org/farmers-markets).

## **Snohomish County Expands Solid Waste Facility Access for Residents**

In response to changing pandemic conditions, Snohomish County will expand access to Solid Waste facilities for the public starting Saturday, May 2. Transfer stations will be open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily to both hand-unload, self-haul customers and mechanical-unload customers. The Sultan and Dubuque drop boxes will open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on various days of the week to hand-unload customers only. Both groups of facilities will have additional restrictions.

Beginning Saturday, May 2, the Sultan drop box will be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and starting Sunday, May 3, the Dubuque drop box site will be open Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a limit of five cubic yards per customer. The Granite Falls drop box will remain closed until further notice.

There will be no recycling or household hazardous waste disposal at any of the facilities and credit and debit cards are the only forms of payment accepted, no checks or cash. Yard debris will only be accepted at transfer stations as garbage and all loads will be weighed for payment at transfer stations.

For more information, the public can call 425-388-3425. Read the full press release [here](#).

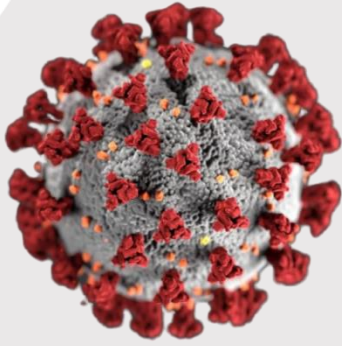
## **"Mukilteo Spirit" Campaign for Community Unity and Support**

The City of Mukilteo kicked off a "Mukilteo Spirit" campaign Monday April 27 with "Honor Our High School Seniors Day."

Today was "Picnic in Your Yard Day." Residents were asked to have lunch at 12:30 P.M., in their front yard to get out and see their neighbors, wave, and look for first responders and City officials to drive by their neighborhood.

Wednesday's will be "Lights on for Essential Workers." Residents are asked to display lights outside or in their window to show support for those essential workers who continue to protect and serve the community. Blue lights are suggested for police, red for fire fighters, yellow for dispatchers, white for doctors and nurses, and holiday lights for restaurant, grocery and delivery workers.

Thursday's will be "Support our Mukilteo Businesses Day." Residents are asked to order a take-home meal from a Mukilteo business as they remain open to provide food and services for the community. Businesses are encouraged to turn on their lights to show unified support among the business community.



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## GOV. INSLEE ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

Gov. Jay Inslee today announced nearly \$300 million will be awarded from the state's federal stimulus funding to local governments that did not receive direct distributions under the CARES Act. More information at right.

Friday's will be "Dress to Impress Day." Residents are asked to shed pajamas and casual wear and get dressed to have a formal day at home. Community members can post their formal look on the City of Mukilteo Facebook page to enter the "Dress to Impress" contest. Those who enter can win a gift certificate to a local restaurant to enjoy a night "in" for dinner. Winning pictures will be re-posted as "Winners" and instructions on how to receive the gift certificate will be provided at that time.

The campaign will run for two weeks.

For more information please read Mukilteo's [news release](#) and tune into [media coverage](#).

Questions about "Spirit Week" or the Mukilteo Police Department can be directed to the Crime Prevention Officer Myron Travis at 425.263.8100 or [mtravis@mukilteowa.gov](mailto:mtravis@mukilteowa.gov).

## Gov. Inslee Announces Distribution of Funding to Local Governments from Federal Stimulus Package

Gov. Jay Inslee today announced nearly \$300 million will be awarded from the state's federal stimulus funding to local governments that did not receive direct distributions under the CARES Act.

"Cities and counties are on the front line of fighting this pandemic, especially our public health jurisdictions," Inslee said. "This funding will help our local partners across Washington meet the needs of their communities as we work together to defeat the virus. These vital resources can be used to cover critical expenses arising from the COVID-19 emergency, including isolation and quarantine sites, staffing and the procurement of medical supplies and equipment for health care providers and first responders."

Funds will be provided to cities and counties with populations under 500,000 that were ineligible to receive direct funding under the CARES Act. Specific allocations will be released in the coming days. Each county will receive a minimum distribution of \$250,000 and each city will receive a minimum distribution of \$25,000 from the state.

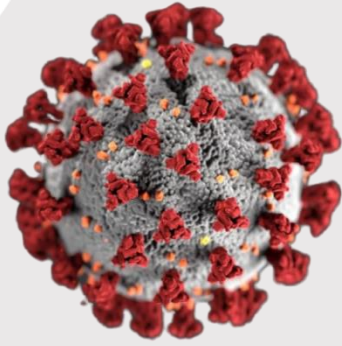
Local leaders representing Washington's cities and counties responded to Inslee's announcement.

"For the past two months, county elected officials and staff have been laser-focused on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and protecting the public health of our residents," said Eric Johnson, executive director of the Washington State Association of Counties. "Washington's 39 counties and 35 local health jurisdictions appreciate Governor Inslee's leadership. The governor's prompt release of federal coronavirus relief funds to counties will help us continue to deliver critical services necessary to respond and recover from this public and economic crisis across the state."

"The health of our state's economy depends on the local economies of our 281 cities and towns," said Peter King, CEO of the Association of Washington Cities. "We recognize that the road to recovery will be long, and we are grateful to the Governor for providing these vital funds to help offset cities' costs for emergency response. Cities have been at the forefront of keeping their communities safe and protecting public health."

Under state law, the Legislature must be notified about the awards and be given 10 days to respond before the distributions are made. During that time, the state will work with local governments to get the agreements in place so they can put the money to work as soon as possible.

For more information please read the Governor's [news release](#).



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## COMMERCE PROVIDES \$9 MILLION IN RENT AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE TO SERVE ESTIMATED 5,000 LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

The Department of Commerce last week provided up to \$1,000 in rental assistance and up to \$500 in energy assistance for households that qualify for the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. More details at [right](#).

## CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

\*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.

## ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

## Commerce Provides \$9 Million in Rent and Energy Assistance to Serve Estimated 5,000 Low-Income Households

The Department of Commerce last week provided up to \$1,000 in rental assistance and up to \$500 in energy assistance for households that qualify for the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program ([LIHEAP](#)). The crisis funding will be distributed through Commerce's statewide network of community action agencies, and is expected to serve an estimated 5,000 eligible households.

Community action agencies will distribute the money on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order is in place. Of the \$9 million available, 15% is available for rental assistance. Tenants who are behind in their rent and meet the other qualifications for crisis benefits must apply to their local community action agency. If approved, the rental assistance payment will be made directly to the landlord.

Similarly, those unable to pay their energy bills must apply through their local community action agency. When approved, the benefit is paid to the utility that serves the qualifying household.

To find out if you qualify for assistance, contact your local community action agency Please visit Snohomish County Human Service's [webpage](#) for more information about our local community action partnership.

For more information please read Commerce's [news release](#).

## Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 28, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,371
Probable	206
Deceased	107

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	97
Bothell*	165
Brier	19
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	261
Everett	736
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	21
Index	0
Lake Stevens	100
Lynnwood	489
Marysville	194
Mill Creek	41
Monroe	63
Mountlake Terrace	87
Mukilteo	51
Snohomish	123
Stanwood	84
Sultan	6
Tulalip	9
Unknown/Other	7
Woodinville*	12
Woodway	7